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SUBJECT: FARAKKA: WEST BENGAL COMPLAINTS

1. AS INDO-BANGLADESH TALKS ON FARAKKA RESUME IN NEW DELHI, COMPLAINTS FROM WEST BENGAL HAVE BEEN VOICED AGAIN. CONGEN CALCUTTA REPORTS THE FOLLOWING: CHAIRMAN OF THE CALCUTTA PORT TRUST P.C. MITTER TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MAY 5 THAT DRAFT IN HOOGHLY HAD FALLEN BY ONE AND ONE-HALF FEET BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE FLOW OF WATER FROM FARAKKA BARRAGE. MITTER ALSO REPORT-EDLY COMPLAINED THAT LACK OF SUFFICIENT WATER WAS CAUSING THE NAVIGABLE CHANNEL IN ONE PLACE TO SHIFT LOCATION. (A MAJOR BENEFIT EXPECTED FROM FARAKKA WAS STABILIZATION OF THE CHANNEL OF THE HOOGHLY.) BETWEEN 35,000 AND 40,000 CUSECS DURING THE LEAN SEASON WERE NECESSARY FOR CHANNEL STABILIZATION.

2. MITTER ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT CALCUTTA PORT TRUST OFFICIALS WERE NOT CONSULTED PRIOR TO SIGNING OF RECENT AGREEMENT WITH BANGLADESH. THEY HAD BEEN CONSULTED DURING EARLIER TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, HOWEVER.

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3. THE CALCUTTA PRESS ALSO REPORTED MAY 5 THAT THE WEST BENGAL GOVERNOR HAS DISCUSSED FARAKKA WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS AND PLANS TO SEND NOTE TO CENTRAL GOVT ON MATTER. REPORTS ARE VAGUE ON PRECISE CONTENT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE. ACCORDING TO BUSINESS STANDARD, IT WILL DISCUSS "THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE ARISEN OWING TO LACK OF ACTUAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE RELEASE OF WATER FROM FARAKKA AFTER THE RECENT INDO-BANGLADESH TALKS".

4. AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA MAY 5 CARRIED LONG ARTICLE BY DEBES
MUKHERJEA, DESCRIBED AS HAVING BEEN IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION OF
FARAKKA BARRAGE, WHICH ARGUES THAT RELEASE OF AT LEAST
40,000 CUSECS OF WATER DURING DRY SEASON IS NECESSARY TO RESTORE
PORT OF CALCUTTA TO CONDITION OF 40 YEARS AGO. COPIES OF ARTICLE
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